

Minutes for Syringe Advisory Board  
October 22, 2018

Members Present: Judy Sousa, Rachel Waldman, Sarah Kerr, Aaron Ostrom, Sgt. Leonard LaFrance, Greg Sparks-Ex Officio

Members Absent: Dr. Donald Baird

1. Approve Minutes of October 1, 2018 meeting: Note correction of spelling of Judy Sousa. Minutes approved as corrected.
2. Creation of Co-Chairs: Motion by Rachel Waldman, seconded by Judy Sousa to create co-chairs. All aye, motion approved.
3. Election of Co-Chairs: Aaron Ostrom nominated Judy Sousa and Sarah Kerr to serve as Co-Chairs. No other nominations, all aye, motion approved.
4. Name of Committee: The board was in consensus that the following name be established for the committee, "Syringe Advisory Board"
5. Discussion of Questions Posed by Aaron Ostrom to HACHR and Dr. Baird. (Questions attached)
  - Yes, needles are separately accounted for from monthly in and out vs. clean-ups. Not noted in 2 year report, could include in the quarterly report.
  - Number of clean-ups in a month-PT position and volunteers go to problem areas such as library and Renner. Have pulled back from some areas due to harassment of volunteers.
  - Needle Exchange Policy-Pg. 15-18 of the 2 year report goes into detail
  - Work with CDPH regarding needle protocols for needle stick.
  - Aaron will send out Dr. Baird's email addressing questions.
  - Also discussed use of detox and Waterfront Recovery Services.
6. Group Objectives:
  - Ways to reduce needle litter
  - Learn more about DHHS exchange program. Invite Michele Stephens to next meeting.
  - Promote additional disposal kiosks in more strategic locations.
  - Improve community perceptions, relations and education about needle exchange.
  - Research potential for an ordinance that addresses needles related to different colors or tracking. Invite a pharmacist to a future meeting.
7. Miscellaneous:
  - Question regarding trading of needles for drugs. HACHR indicated they cut clients off if they do so.
  - Discussed the impact of HACHR's state authorization.
  - Explore outreach outside of Eureka.
8. Next Meeting-November 26, 4:00 PM. The regular meeting date will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month.